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Hearing: Are We Ready?: Implementing the National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza

WHO: Committee on Homeland Security
Chairman Peter T. King (R-NY)

WHEN: 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 16, 2006

WHERE: 311 Cannon HOB

WITNESSES

The Honorable Jeffrey W. Runge
Acting Undersecretary, Science and Technology
and
Chief Medical Officer
Department of Homeland Security

The Honorable John Agwonobi
Assistant Secretary for Health
Department of Health and Human Services

The Honorable John Clifford
Deputy Administrator for Veterinary Services
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Department of Agriculture

The Honorable Peter F. Verga
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense
Department of Defense

BACKGROUND

Chairman Peter T. King will convene a hearing Tuesday to examine the President's recently released Implementation Plan for the National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza. The Committee will consider the Administration's efforts to address a potential flu pandemic as well as the roles and responsibilities of the Federal Government. The hearing will also examine the expectations for State and local governments, the private sector, nonprofits, communities, and individual citizens in pandemic preparation and response.

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